**Access to Nutrition Initiative**

**Investors in Nutrition and Health Newsletter**

**December 2023**

Welcome to the latest ATNI Investor Newsletter, which features updates on our work and investment-relevant nutrition news. All previous Investor Newsletters are available on the ATNI website [here](https://accesstonutrition.org/newsletters/).

Please get in touch via investor.support@accesstonutrition.org if you have any questions about ATNI’s work with investors or would like to join the growing group of [ATNI’s Investors in Nutrition and Health](https://accesstonutrition.org/investor-signatories/) (AINH) – 84 investors representing USD 19.9 trillion AUM as of 2022 – and gain access to the [ATNI Investor Portal](https://accesstonutrition.org/wp/wp-login.php?redirect_to=https%3A%2F%2Faccesstonutrition.org%2Finvestor-login%2F&action=investors_login).

**ATNI’s Work**

**New! ATNI’s Latest Strategy**

In February, ATNI’s new 2023-2027 Strategy was approved. ATNI has successfully resourced the first two years of this strategy. In terms of investing responsibly in nutritious foods, as part of this 5-year strategy ATNI will aim to: 1) align investors and industry on defining and measuring the healthiness of food portfolios (see details below); 2) encourage the uptake and use of nutrition metrics by securities and exchange authorities; and 3) build consensus among the industry and investors on new 2030 targets related to responsible marketing practices and improving the healthiness of food portfolios.

**India Index 2023 Launch and Collaborative Engagement**

 The India Index 2023 launched ion 21st November in Delhi followed by a hybrid Investor launch co-hosted by Avendus Spark in Mumbai. Avendus Spark, also published a report on the Indian Consumer Sector that covers the emergence of “Healthy” products in the F&B industry and key insights from ATNI’s India Index. The India Index 2023 report is here.

ATNI is preparing to launch the India Index Collaborative Engagement cycle. ich. A list of companies can be found here. If you are interested in engaging with any of these companies, or have any questions about the India Index 2023, please contact investor.support@accesstonutrition.org.

**Nutrient Profiling Model Project Survey**

With the support of the Pictet Foundation, ATNI is leading a series of stakeholder surveys and consultations to build consensus on the use and reporting of nutrient profile models (NPMs).

Any questions, please contact [investor.support@accesstonutrition.org](investor.support%40accesstonutrition.org%20)

**ATNI Celebrates 10 Years in 2023**

ATNI celebrated its ten-year anniversary on World Food Day (16 October) in The Hague. The speakers included AINH members, Maria Ortino and Rachel Crossley, who described the critical role that ATNI data plays in informing responsible investment approaches to nutrition.

AINH attendees and members of ATNI’s Expert Group met to discuss institutional investors prerogatives.

**Global Index 2024**

ATNI will be launching its next iteration of the Global Index 2024 in Q3 2024. This Index will assess 30 of the world’s largest food & beverage manufacturers on their policies, practices and transparency related to nutrition.

ATNI held a methodology consultation with investors on 12th October to get feedback on the slimmed down methodology for this iteration of the index.

**Breastmilk Substitute & Complimentary Foods**

Launching Q1 2024, the BMS Index will assess the 20 largest global baby food companies,16 of which are listed, including 5 in-country assessments -. China, Germany, Indonesia, Vietnam, and the US.

ATNI’s CF Index will be launched Q2 2024 in Vietnam. This new index funded by the PICTET Foundation assesses nutritional quality and labelling practices of the 6 largest CF manufacturers in 11 markets. using WHO Europe’s 2022 Nutrient and Promotion Profiling Model for CF.

For more information about these projects, please reach out to investor.support@accesstonutrition.org

**COMMIT – A company benchmark of packaged First Foods in Southeast Asia**

ATNI published seven country reports on how companies’ products for children under three years of age perform against an adapted version of the nutrient and promotion profile model developed for these products by the WHO Regional Office for Europe. This assessment is part of a series of research activities conducted by the COMMIT Initiative – the Consortium for Improving Complementary Foods in Southeast Asia led by UNICEF EAPRO.

**The Year Ahead**

* 30 November-12 December – [COP 28](https://unfccc.int/cop28)
* 15-19 January – [World Economic Forum](https://www.glm-international.com/en/news-events/events/world-economic-forum-wef-2024-1158.html#:~:text=Davos%2C%20January%2015th%20%2D%2019th%202024,due%20to%20the%20coronavirus%20pandemic.)
* 24-25 January – [Sustainable Foods Summit, North America](https://www.sustainablefoodssummit.com/northamerica/about/#:~:text=The%20North%20American%20edition%20of,Asia%2DPacific%20(Singapore).)
* 4-6 March – [Sustainability Week](https://events.economist.com/sustainability-week/new-for-2024/)
* 22-23 May – [RI Japan](https://www.peievents.com/en/event/ri-japan/)

**Upcoming ATNI Publications and Activities**

Q1 2024

* Workforce Nutrition Webinar – February 6th
* Beginning of collaborative engagement for the 2023 India Index

Q2 2024

* BMS and CF Indexes 2023
* Launch of (ATNI-Planet Tracker) Materiality of Nutrition report
* Second round of Nutrient Profiling Model survey
* Launch of new 2030 CEO Compact on Healthy and Sustainable Diets

Q3 2024

* Global Index 2024

**Peer organization activities**

The Food Foundation: State of the Food Industry report & COP28 session

The Food Foundation published its [2023 State of the Food Industry Report](https://foodfoundation.org.uk/publication/state-nations-food-industry-report-2023) with [a webinar](https://foodfoundation.org.uk/event/state-food-industry-2023-report-webinar) on 30th November. The theme of the report is “Which retailers and out of home businesses are leading the way in supporting a shift towards more healthy and sustainable diets?”

The Food Foundation also hosted [an event](https://foodfoundation.org.uk/event/cop28-can-investors-help-fix-food-system) at COP28 on 3rd December entitled “Can investors help fix the food system?”

Workforce Nutrition Webinar – February 6th

ATNI is co-hosting a webinar with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition on February 6th 10.00-11.00 CET. The registration link is enclosed [here](https://tcgf.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uElvpP6nSd60LOa0tdjbMQ).

**News**

1 December | [Food finally on radar as COP28 gets underway](https://www.just-food.com/features/food-finally-on-radar-as-cop28-gets-underway/)

*Just Food outlines the state of play at COP28. With food companies struggling to live up to their net-zero promises, it's apt the industry is more central to the agenda at COP28 than in previous years.*

19 October | [EU faces criticism over plans for healthier soil](https://www.ft.com/content/e1fea7ca-c86e-4c99-9d19-4c3b167ea574)

*This article outlines the debate over the EU’s efforts to establish twin pieces of legislation on soil health - one establishing rules for monitoring soils and another governing carbon removals.*

9 December | [Big meat and dairy lobbyists turn out in record numbers at Cop28](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/dec/09/big-meat-dairy-lobbyists-turn-out-record-numbers-cop28)

*This article from the Guardian details how lobbyists from industrial agriculture companies and trade groups have turned out in record numbers at Cop28, with three times as many delegates representing the meat and dairy industry as last year.*

**Vacancies at ATNI**

The Access to Nutrition Initiative is hiring! Please see our [vacancies page](https://accesstonutrition.org/people/) for more information.